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HONGKONG, 30th January, 1901

Nor the least interesting episode in the history of the latter half of the nineteenth century, when it comes to be written, will be the Progress and Decline of the War Correspondent. Springing into existence like Minerva in full panoply, the last year of the century has seen his somewhat ignominious disappearance, without a plaudit, or even a word of recognition. Yet the war correspondent has done good and useful work in his day; and though in the end he fell upon evil times, it is doubtful if, with all his faults, he were not more sinned against than sinning. There was, of course, a wide difference in the position of the individuals from the time when W. H. Russell was sent out to the Crimea, as the acknowledged agent of the *Times*, with all the prestige that such a commission could give him, and the latterday correspondent, who too frequently was but a free-jane, picking up what scraps of war gossip he could, and openly selling his gleanings to the highest bidder. The one had everything to gain by working in close touch with the leaders, whose secrets, interest, as well as honour, compelled him to respect; the other was but a waif on the surface, unknown to fame, whose only function was to give such news as he could pick up in any quarter to an insatiable public, who as long as it got the "grip" of the day was perfectly regardless, doubtless in most cases through ignorance, of its effects; and of the possible inevitable injury his premature disclosures were bound to cause. The result, however brought about, is of course to be regretted, and the war correspondent has the right to show that his services have not been unworthy, and that even he has the strongest claims on the gratitude of his fellow countrymen. To the essential change in the position of the individual was of course attributable his extinction. A simple word, of no apparent consequence, is often to a careful and astute enemy capable of affording the most important information. To caution the correspondent is to give him valuable information; and few men in the position of a correspondent paid by results will be chivalrous enough not to make use of a hint thus given. Of course with men such as undertook in the first instance the dangerous task of war correspondent,

who were the accredited agents of some powerful organisation, such as the *Times* or the *Daily News*, these confidences could be freely given. When, however, it came to dividing interests, and each correspondent represented not one but many papers, probably representing opposite influences, it became impossible to make in any way a confidant of the correspondent, and deprived of confidence the individual found himself practically reduced to the position of a spy—or at the best a nuisance. The result has been markedly apparent within the last few months. At the beginning of the South African War, without any intention of disclosing any information, likely to be useful to the enemy, there did arise some difference of opinion between the correspondents and the General. The Boers proved themselves masters in the arts of intelligence, and quickly made use of every source of information available. The introduction of some system of censorship became a necessity. The correspondent chafed under the restriction, which he imagined was aimed against him, and did his best to escape its requirements, so that by degrees a state almost of hostility arose. The telegraph made matters worse. Boer sympathisers were not wanting even in England; on the continent Dr. Leyds had established an almost perfect system of coding, so that any information was at once sent to quarters in communication, more or less secret, with the leaders in the Transvaal; and so by degrees the Press correspondent became from a nuisance a danger. In China, affairs were not so bad, still the Press correspondent did once or twice in a measure give himself away. At all events his presence did not tend to diminish the jealousies between the Powers, and may from indiscreet remarks have even had a tendency momentarily to increase them. When we remember the magnificent services, however, done for humanity in general by correspondents like Russell or Simpson, it seems a matter of great and national loss that the present position should have come about. The mystery that has been raised about the hospital staff in South Africa is one of those things that could scarcely have occurred had the correspondent been in a better position. Was there really any evidence of mismanagement? To ascertain this simple fact, it has been found necessary to go through all the formality of a Parliamentary Commission of Enquiry. It is not too much to say that if a correspondent like the late Dr. Russell had been on the spot, we should at all events have been spared the preliminaries of this enquiry. So in China we believe a high-class correspondent could have been of inestimable utility in the beginning. Although the great act of vandalism which marked the attack on the Legations, the burning of the Hunlin Library, is not this time to be laid on the shoulders of the foreigner, there is abundance of common talk to show that the usages of some at least of the foreign battalions engaged in the fight were not as entirely in accordance with civilised precedents as might have been desired. Here was a case where a correspondent, himself above suspicion, could have rendered inestimable service to the general cause. We do not concur in the suppression of all information from the fighting line which has marked the conduct of operations in the North; it is one thing to give information about policy or intentions, it is quite another to record events which have actually occurred, and which of necessity are known to the enemy. The Chinese are perfectly well aware of what our, and the other, troops have done, and it is from a military point of view a matter of perfect indifference that they should be published. Not so, however, from the political side. The unconsidered mystery in which our authorities have veiled these proceedings is already being taken advantage of by the reactionists to give a false colouring to the whole conduct of the affair; a colouring in which all the advantage goes to the side of disorder.

Apart from the two fatal plague cases (Chinese) last week, there was only one instance of communicable disease in the colony, viz., of enteric fever, the sufferer being a Chinaman.

We call our readers' attention to the change in the hour of the Memorial Service at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday next. It will be held at 11.30 a.m., instead of at the hour previously notified.

Club Race No. 4 of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club will take place on the 3rd February over course No. 4. The Race for the Navy Cup is postponed until the 9th February. The times, etc., are as previously notified.

A Chinese passenger on board the steamer *Huani* on Monday afternoon was accidentally caught by a rope and drawn into the winch. Before the machinery could be stopped the man was dead. The body was removed to the mortuary.

The local branch of the British Medical Association meets in Hongkong to-night, when Dr. J. C. Thomson will introduce a discussion on Malaria. Examples of the mosquitoes and malarial parasites which prevail in the colony will be exhibited.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of a sum of \$5 from E.H.S. for the benefit of the widow and family of Yeung Ka Wan, the Chinese schoolmaster who was murdered the other day in Geze Street.

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Our Portuguese contemporary *O Porvir* in its current issue publishes a portrait of her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, surrounded by a wreath surmounted by the Portuguese Standard and the Union Jack. The lithograph has been done very successfully at the office of the paper. The editorial article contains an appreciation of our late Queen.

Amongst the tributes of flowers placed at the foot of the late Queen's statue may be noticed a fresh wreath of white chrysanthemums with the inscription, in silver letters on black silk, "From a grateful Pensioner." The donor, we believe, is Mr. Da Silva, late chief clerk of the Hongkong Post Office, who was in her late Majesty's Service for over twenty years and who is now enjoying a well-earned pension.

Harmon's Circus presented a splendid programme last night to a very appreciative audience, in which the Janssens made their second appearance. Their performance was extremely skilful and was alone worth the admission money to witness. This afternoon a matinee will be given, to which a large audience will no doubt again be present and also at this evening's performance.

Last night Pollard's Lilliputian Opera Co. repeated, by request, their great success, *The Geisha*, and once more met with an enthusiastic reception. This afternoon at 3.30 p.m. the Company's farewell matinee comes off, *The Geisha* being the piece staged, as will also be the case to-night, the last appearance of our visitors this season. They leave Hongkong at daylight to-morrow for Manila, where we wish them the best of luck. So popular have they made themselves during their three weeks in Hongkong that we are sure that everyone here hopes for their early return, when they may look for the warm greeting which their talent merits.

It is stated—the *Japan Mail* says—that the Korean Government has decided to augment its military forces by the addition of three regiments of cavalry and a body of gendarmes. Some of these troops are to be stationed in the capital, but the main part will be employed on provincial duty. The statement is vague, for we have no information as to the strength of a regiment of cavalry under the Korean system, and a "body of gendarmes" might mean anything. Korea certainly wants a bigger army than she possesses if she hopes to defend herself, but unless the new troops are more efficient than the old "braves," the addition to her army will not effect much.

The *Malay Mail* calls attention to the growth of lawlessness in Selangor and says:—The evil has increased, is increasing, and we have reached the point when almost every day brings news of more robbery and violence in the suburbs of Kuala Lumpur, or some of the outstation villages and mining camps, to say nothing of burglaries in the European quarter. This intolerable state of affairs has evoked the strongest indignation both in mining and mercantile circles and amongst the public. This is ascribed to depression in mining, which has thrown many persons out of employment. Blackmailing is now common. It is feared that the blackmailers will next extort money for safe-conduct.

Mr. J. J. Keswick presided at a general meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society held in the City Hall yesterday. The report showed that 35 cases had received assistance from the Society during the year, and a child whom it had maintained and educated since 1895 had, been sent home to its parents in England. Ninety-nine cases had received assistance at the Star Coffee House and the Salvation Army. The captain of the latter Home had, however, died during the year, and the Committee had deemed it best that the monthly allowance should be stopped, and the same given to the Star Coffee House where the Rev. J. H. France was doing a good work for the society. Work had been found in the colony for a number of applicants, and some, whose passages had been paid away, had written grateful letters of thanks, and in one case the money advanced had been refunded. The society had paid for the maintenance and education of four children who were destitute, and in many other ways had looked after the interests of the deserving poor. The Committee thanked the managers of the various steamship companies who had so kindly responded to their appeal for free or reduced passages for their applicants. During the year Lady Carrington and Mesdames Hawkins, Ritchie, Suckles, Atkinson and Douglas Jones had left the colony, and Mesdames Robertson, Swan, Thomson, and France had joined the Committee. The following ladies retired by rotation, and successfully offered themselves for re-election—Mesdames Howe, Goodman, Robertson, Gibbs, Swan and France. On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Dr. Thomson, the report was adopted, as also were the accounts which showed a balance carried over from last year of \$2,334.95. Donations had been received amounting to \$1,132, and with the sum of \$68.27 interest made up a total income of \$3,537.22. Against that \$2,938.60 had been spent on applicant's relief, and printing \$27.55, leaving a balance carried over of \$1,471.07. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

It is with much regret that we announce the death of Mr. Arthur Butler, British Resident of Pahang, which occurred at Kuala Lumpur on the 18th inst. The cause of death was pneumonia and suppressed measles. Mr. Butler had been unwell for some months past. The illness took a more serious turn at Christmas, however, and after a brief period of hope, on the 17th a relapse occurred, and next day Mr. Butler passed away to the deep rest of his many friends and to the inestimable loss of the State of Pahang, which, under Mr. Butler's rule, was just beginning to enter on a phase of great prosperity and progress. The *Strait Times* says:—Mr. Butler, who was 37 years of age, only, was a brilliant man, and one who, had he lived, would undoubtedly have attained high eminence as an administrator. He first entered the service of the Federated Malay States in February, 1893, when he was appointed assistant to the Superintendent of Lower Perak. He successfully served as Acting Collector and Magistrate at Bernam in February, 1895; Acting Collector of Land Revenue at Larut in August, 1895; Collector of Land Revenue at Kuala Kangsar in January, 1897; First Assistant Collector and Magistrate at Kinta in January, 1898; Acting State Commissioner of Lands in November, 1898; Collector and Magistrate at Kuala Kangsar in June, 1899; Commissioner of Lands in August, 1899; and Acting State Auditor in September, 1899. When Mr. Clifford left Pahang in 1899, Mr. Butler was transferred to that State as Acting Resident and was subsequently appointed definitely to the post. He had therefore really only just entered on the first stage of his administration—an administration which promised much for the well-being of Pahang.

Fifteen war-vessels were lying in Nagasaki Harbour last week.

It is reported in a Havre telegram from Paris that plague is raging all over Asia Minor.

A series of cremations of members of the Siam royal family began at Bangkok on the 14th inst. The ceremonies will extend into next month.

The P. & O. steamer *Parramatta* left Singapore for this port on the 28th inst., at 3 p.m., with the outward English Mails, and is due here on the 2nd prox. at about 3 p.m.

The qualified medical men of Bangkok have formed a Medical Association there. The aims of the Association are the advancement of medical science, and the protection of medical interests.

A Washington despatch to Paris, received on the 17th inst., stated that the United States were willing to exercise their good offices to secure a prompt retreat of the foreign troops from the neighbourhood of Peking.

Straits papers report a mysterious epidemic among residents in Kuala Lumpur. Bats were dying wholesale there last month—in some shops five to ten have been found dead in a single day. In one shop over a hundred dead rats were found.

Our Tonkin contemporary is very shocked that Italy, of all nations, should refuse her sympathy and welcome to the "Grand Old Man" Kruger. The public conscience, declares *L'Avant*, is revolted by this display of cynicism. "Italy has already shown that among her most prominent qualities is independence of heart; her government has just proved that on occasions it knows better and does not shrink from a dishonourable part." The epidemic of Krugermania has plainly not died out in Indo-China.

The Shanghai Race Club is going to follow in the steps of our own Jockey Club and introduce races for subscription horses at the forthcoming Spring Meeting, though probably not so large a portion of the programme will be devoted to them there as here. The members of the club are divided in opinion as to the advisability of the step. However, the difficulty of getting the ordinary griffins down in the spring will be considerable, and it is thought that the effect of bringing up Australian horses will show the Chinese dealers that they are not indispensable and induce them to abate their prices.

Discussing the limits of Field-Marshal Count von Waldersee's responsibility in North China, the *Japan Mail* says:—There can be no doubt that the Marshal is absolutely and solely responsible for all military operations. The idea that in such matters he is governed by mandates from the Powers conveyed through their Representatives in Peking, is based on ignorance of official routine. The Field-Marshal's competence is untrammelled so far as concerns any operations that he may consider necessary for preserving peace and order in the province of Chihli and for quelling the Boxers. If he considers that a certain expedition or a certain series of expeditions must be undertaken, no European Government would think of interfering so long as the field of operations was confined to Chihli, which is the Marshal's district. Whether needless expeditions have been undertaken, leading to the wanton sacrifice of lives and the ruthless destruction of property, is a question we have no right to attempt to answer one way or the other with our present limited knowledge. The Field-Marshal had means of judging which are hidden from us, and was certainly far more competent to judge than any outsider can be. What we have always regretted is that the burning of villages entered into the programme of these punitive expeditions. It seems inevitable that the burning of a whole village must inflict suffering on many innocent people, to say nothing of the obvious objection that the unfortunate villagers have no choice about admitting the Boxers for harbouring whom they are subsequently subjected to such harsh punishment by the foreign troops.

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TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

LONDON, 28th January, 7.55 p.m.

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GENERAL NEWS.

LONDON, 28th January, 7.55 p.m.

THE KING'S GIFT TO THE KAISER.

As a birthday gift the King has appointed the German Kaiser Field-Marshal in the British Army. The Crown Prince of Germany has been invested with the Order of the Garter.

THE U.S. AND THE PHILIPPINES.

It is stated that an extra session of Congress will be held to enact the measures for the civil government of the Philippine Islands.

OBITUARY.

The great Italian composer Verdi is dead.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 27th January.

THE GERMAN EMPEROR IN ENGLAND.

The German Emperor, who is celebrating his birthday at Osborne, has been appointed a Field Marshal in the British Army.

THE LATE QUEEN.

The remains of the late Queen Victoria will be removed aboard the *Albion* on the 1st of February for conveyance to Portsmouth, the route being through a double line of men-of-war firing minute guns. At Portsmouth they will remain the night on board the Royal Yacht, and will be conveyed on Saturday to Victoria Station. Across Western London to Paddington they will be conveyed on a gun-carriage and from thence to Windsor by rail. The German squadron under the personal command of Prince Henry of Prussia will assist in the Naval display at the funeral.

KING EDWARD VII.

The King was proclaimed to enthusiastic crowds in many cities on Saturday.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.

The Boers are again showing activity in British South Africa, destroying the railway and capturing trains. Owing to the insecurity of the Western railway lines, all stores for the front are being sent via Natal.

THE PIRATICAL OUTRAGE NEAR CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, 28th January, 1901.

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It is with much regret that we announce the death of Mr. Arthur Butler, British Resident of Pahang, which occurred at Kuala Lumpur on the 18th inst. The cause of death was pneumonia and suppressed measles. Mr. Butler had been unwell for some months past. The illness took a more serious turn at Christmas, however, and after a brief period of hope, on the 17th a relapse occurred, and next day Mr. Butler passed away to the deep rest of his many friends and to the inestimable loss of the State of Pahang, which, under Mr. Butler's rule, was just beginning to enter on a phase of great prosperity and progress. The *Strait Times* says:—Mr. Butler, who was 37 years of age, only, was a brilliant man, and one who, had he lived, would undoubtedly have attained high eminence as an administrator. He first entered the service of the Federated Malay States in February, 1893, when he was appointed assistant to the Superintendent of Lower Perak. He successfully served as Acting Collector and Magistrate at Bernam in February, 1895; Acting Collector of Land Revenue at Larut in August, 1895; Collector of Land Revenue at Kuala Kangsar in January, 1897; First Assistant Collector and Magistrate at Kinta in January, 1898; Acting State Commissioner of Lands in November, 1898; Collector and Magistrate at Kuala Kangsar in June, 1899; Commissioner of Lands in August, 1899; and Acting State Auditor in September, 1899. When Mr. Clifford left Pahang in 1899, Mr. Butler was transferred to that State as Acting Resident and was subsequently appointed definitely to the post. He had therefore really only just entered on the first stage of his administration—an administration which promised much for the well-being of Pahang.

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PROCLAMATION OF KING EDWARD VII.

UNIQUE CEREMONY ON THE CRICKET GROUND.

A scene unique in the history of the colony of Hongkong was witnessed on the Cricket Ground in Queen's Road yesterday afternoon when His Excellency the Governor (Sir Henry Blake, G.C.M.G.), proclaimed Edward VII. King of Great Britain and Ireland and Emperor of India. Though the European civilian population almost exclusively were mourning the uniforms of the different regiments on parade and the gorgeous dresses of the naval and military officers and the foreign Consuls produced a most brilliant spectacle, and one which will live in the memory of all who attended it. The effect, however, was marred somewhat by the fact that the space was too small to allow of the troops being adequately spread out, they having to be crushed together in order to preserve a good square in the centre of the field.

Four o'clock was the time fixed upon for the performance of the ceremony. Long before that hour everything was in readiness for the coming of His Excellency, the troops and blue-jackets being arranged in three sides of a hollow square with H. E. Major-General Gascoigne, C.M.G., and his staff in the centre. The Royal Welsh Fusiliers occupied a conspicuous position along the Queen's Road side of the ground, facing the platform which had been erected for the occasion, and very smart they looked in their scarlet tunics and white helmets. The regimental goat was in front with its horns encased in crapes, and the colours were also decked with black. Behind them was a portion of the Indian contingent. To their right and along Murray Road were the Blue-jackets, while to their left were a detachment of the Hongkong Volunteers (under the command of Captain Macdonald), the Royal Artillery, and some more of the Indian troops. The route leading from Chater Road to the platform was carpeted with crimson cloth and lined with Bengal Lancers with their pennon-tipped lances. The windows at the Hongkong Club and the other adjoining buildings were crowded with sight-seers. The area at the sides and behind the platform was set apart for the general public, with the exception of a small roped-in portion, the enclosure to the right being reserved for the foreign naval officers, of whom a good number attended, and that to the left for the foreign Consuls. A space in front of the platform was reserved for gentlemen associated with the Governor in the Proclamation. Thence from Government House walked with troops—the 3rd Madras Infantry, the 22nd Bombay Infantry, and the 6th Bengal Lancers.

His Excellency arrived punctually at four o'clock. He was accompanied by Lady Blake, His Honour Sir John Carrington, Kt., C.M.G., Right Rev. Bishop Hoare, Rear-Admiral Bruce, C. B., Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary; Hon. W. Meigh Goodham, Q.C., Attorney General; Hon. E. D. Omsby, Director of Public Works; Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police; Commodore Powell, C.E.; His Honour T. Sercombe Smith, Acting Puisne Judge; Hon. A. M. Thomson, Colonial Treasurer; Hon. C. P. Chater, C.M.G.; Hon. J. J. Keawick; Mr. R. F. Johnston, Private Secretary; and Captain E. D. Sanders, Hongkong Volunteers, Hon. A.D.C. His Excellency immediately stepped to the front of the platform, while the Royal Standard was hoisted on the flag-staff, and proceeded to read the Proclamation, the military and naval men standing at the salute and the civilians with bare heads while he did so. At the conclusion the Royal Salute was given, the muffled bands of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, the Madras Infantry, and the Bombay Infantry, who had been placed at the north-east corner of the New Parade Ground playing "God save the King," the regimental colours being lowered in the meanwhile.

The following is the Proclamation:—



Proclamation.

"WHEREAS it hath pleased Almighty God to call to His mercy our late SOVEREIGN LADY QUEEN VICTORIA, of Blessed and Glorious Memory, by whose decease the Imperial Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and all other her late Majesty's dominions is solely and rightfully come to the High and Mighty PRINCE ALBERT EDWARD, We

Sir HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong, and Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same;

Major-General WILLIAM JULIUS GASCOIGNE, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Commanding His Majesty's Forces in China and Hongkong;

Rear-Admiral Sir JAMES ANDREW THOMAS BARNES, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George;

The Right Reverend JOSEPH CHARLES HOARE, D.D., Bishop of Victoria;

Sir JOHN WILKINSON CARRINGTON, Knight Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, D.C.L., LL.D., Chief Justice;

Commodore FRANCIS POWELL, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath;

JAMES HALLIDAY SEYMOUR LOCKHART, Esq., Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Colonial Secretary;

WILLIAM NICHOL GOODMAN, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, Attorney General;

ALEXANDER McDONALD, THOMSON, Esq., M.A., Treasurer;

ROBERT DALY OMSBY, Esq., Director of Public Works;

FRANCIS HENRY MAY, Esq., M.A., Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Captain Superintendent of Police;

CHARLES TAYLOR CHATER, Esq., Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George;

JAMES JOHNSTON KESWICK, Esq., Acting Puisne Judge;

Honourable Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils.

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The Undersigned **AGENTS** of the above Company are **PREPARED TO ACCEPT** First Class Foreign and Chinese Risks at Current Rates.

SILMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 29th May, 1895. [31]

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Hongkong, 1st August, 1900. 2794

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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1890. [33]

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The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates

SIEMSEN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1872. [29]

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Hongkong, 22nd June, 1900. [1872

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Hankow, 31st April 1901. [1874

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The Undersigned are now prepared to
GRANT POLICIES OF INSURANCE
against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAURIAK & CO.,
Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office.
Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. 132

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Hongkong, 18th May, 1900. 1512

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Hongkong, 18th May, 1892. 30

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Hongkong, 17th February, 1899. 165

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Hongkong, 5th April, 1900. [142]

KOWLOON EXTENSION.

A NEW MAP OF HONGKONG, KOW-
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TORIES showing the Boundary under the New Convention, with the Towns, Villages, &c, Prepared from Authoritative Sources and Printed in Colours. Price \$1.
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Daily Press Office.
Hongkong. 28th October, 1898. [82]

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

SAINT JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

THE HOUR OF THE MEMORIAL SERVICE on SATURDAY, 2nd February, is ALTERED (by special request) to 11.30 A.M.
R. F. CROBOLD, Chaplain.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1901. [365]

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"SIBIRIA."
Captain Braun, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 31st inst., at 4 P.M.
This Steamer has superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers, and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1901. [369]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.
THE Company's Steamship

"SUISANG."
Captain Todd, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 5th February, at NOON.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 29th January, 1901. [367]

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"SUISANG."
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after NOON, the 1st proximo, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at EAST POINT.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 29th January, 1901. [368]

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship
"SIBIRIA,"
having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Underigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 5 P.M. TO-DAY, the 29th inst.
Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th prox. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 5th February, at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1901. [370]

AUSTRIAN-LOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"MARIA TERESA"
having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

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Optional cargo will be discharged here unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No claims will be admitted after this Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the Office of the Underigned before noon on the 5th of February, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 5th of February will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1901. [6]

VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL TO-NIGHT (WEDNESDAY), the 30th January, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 28th January, 1901. [335]

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 525 E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING OF the above Lodge will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY, the 1st February, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1901. [336]

THE BRITISH NORTH BORNEO CO.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND GOVERNMENT SURVEYOR. Applications and Copies of Testimonials to be sent to the Underigned, from whom terms may be learnt. Appointment to be taken up as soon as possible.

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Hongkong, 29th January, 1901. [339]

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Hongkong, 30th January, 1901. [356]

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Appointed Messrs. WATTS, EDWARDS & CO., of Hongkong, our Sole Agents for that City, South China, and Manila.

O'NEILL, WARNEFORD & CO., London, 19th January, 1901. [278]

NOTICE.

WE have This Day ESTABLISHED ourselves as Sole Agents in Hongkong, South China, and Manila for Messrs. O'NEILL, WARNEFORD & CO., Manufacturers and Merchants, of London, Manchester, Birmingham and Hamburg.

WATTS, EDWARDS & CO., Hongkong, 21st January, 1901. [279]

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Hongkong, 28th January, 1901. [353]

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Hongkong, 28th January, 1901. [342]

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Hongkong, 25th January, 1901. [327]

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Hongkong, 25th July, 1900. [297]

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A CARGO OF TULIPS.

BY
HOWARD PEARCE.
(Author of "The Mark of the Deaf" &c.)

Table d'hôte was over early (five o'clock at the time of this story was the dinner-hour in Holland, and even now after many years the good Dutch folk have only advanced half an hour nearer to civilisation in this important matter), and we had idly spent an hour or two smoking and strolling up and down the "grachten" and "quays" of Amsterdam. Tired at last, we were turning back on our way, when the sound of distant music caught our ear.

A quick-time riotous music, such as sailors love, sounded in all sides of the narrow passage; a concertina and a fiddle here and there; and from the other side a steam organ roared its hearty invitation to the sea-faring man. "Tupperij" (Shirley) with their painted pots, beckoned for him here, there, "Nriecche" (Nriecche) on Koffie huis, held up a finger, while "Crystal Palace" and "Cities of New York" waited with their "varieties" his coming, so soon as he had rid himself of his two or three months' drought.

Sirens of a stentorian build, such as Robens loved to paint, stood in the doorway of the cafes, ogling the passers by, behind their green curtains, vying with each other in mysterious delights within, and all the time the ceaseless music ebbed and flowed through duck and crane, from wall to wall on either side.

Nothing all this and musing on Tarry-John's immortal perils, Virgil's lines came to my mind—of Circe's island and the passing sailors,

"Inaccessus nbi Solis illa lucos
Aeneid resonant cantu, tectisque superba
Urit odorata nocturna in lampada cedrum."

I was slowly repeating them to myself, when my eye was firmly pinned into his own by my companion to whom scholarship was as anathema and a "row" as the seventh Heaven.

"I say, this is ripping," he whispered, "I vote we go into one of these cafes and see what it's like inside. Come on, who's afraid?"

Now it was all very well for Jack—who played football for the Varsity and even gave an air of rollicking assurance that even gentlemen were impressed by it—to thrust himself into a quiet student who was used to regard life in the arduous mirror of books.

My companion, however, insisted; I hesitated, and was lost.

Passing by the siren of the doorway with a lift of his hat, Jack led the way through the green baize curtains into the sun-drenched hall within. Down he sat with a jaunty air as of a midshipman, ashore, and called for "schnapps," while I, timidly gazing about me, took stock of our surroundings.

The hall was cloudy with cigar smoke; at the small separate tables at various groups of merchant sailors; close beside us were two men, ship-pers seemingly, comparing amidst a bonfire of tobacco the profits of their voyages; there a swartly Lascar with oriental tie and earrings in his ears, was overhauling the affections of a broad-built Dutchman; at the high end of the minstrel, while the body of the room was occupied with a motley group of stunted Tarry-Johns, of manifest Dutch extraction.

It was evident that they had just been paid off, for money was plentiful amongst them, and, judging from their bricked complexion, and the pats they laid about them, they were probably East Indian merchantmen home from a long cruise.

One of a wizened, evil-eyed monkey perched on his wrist, a second a green parrot, a third a minor-bird, whilst others were setting forth from bulging pockets various strange curios and quaint commodities of merchandise.

Presently the hum of talk grew louder, attracting the attention of the general company. By two and threes the crowd thickened around the sailors; exclamations of astonishment arose; cigars even were momentarily laid aside, as they were being exhibited, and edged our way in amongst the crowd.

Some bulb which a dabbler in horticulture had brought with him, proved to be the attracting magnet. Apparently they were tulips, for a dried specimen was laid forth on the table, which for size, colour, and length of petal was superior to any that I, at least, had previously seen.

On the sudden I remembered hearing that the tulip mania had recently broke forth again in Holland, and it was apparent that the cause of comment around me that the sailor had been fortunate enough to bring back an entirely new variety.

From what I could gather he was relating the romantic history of its discovery, speculating the while as to what he could get for his consignment from the great nurserymen at Haarlem.

All this time the precious bulbs—some dozen only in number—were being handed round for inspection, and Jack and I had each cautiously inspected them, and had handed them on till they were apparently all replaced upon the table again, when suddenly I saw the cause of the sailor's interest, and his attention directed unmistakably towards ourselves by another sailor, apparently his comrade, who pointed, first at the bulbs, and then at Jack and myself.

Who had thus officiously interfered was a stout, broad-jawed fellow with a satyr's face, and I felt in some instinctive manner that he was going to make himself disagreeable.

In another moment this proved to be the case, for with an oath the fellow had whipped round on us, and, after a momentary inspection

of the bulbs, thrust out his fist into our faces, and demanded something or other from us instantly.

Jack and I glanced at each other wonderingly, then at our challenging opponent who, growing quickly hotter, commenced to gesticulate robustly with both hands under my very nose.

Extending fingers and thumbs he seemed to indicate the number 10; then, closing them, he held up two separate fingers; finally, with reiterated passionate gestures and a rasping oath he held up his tea fingers again.

All at once I grasped his meaning. Out of his twelve tulip bulbs two had seemingly disappeared. Immediately I shook my head indignantly, held out open palms to protest innocence, and commenced to stammer in broken Dutch to repudiate the accusation.

I saw his comrade nod and whisper our accused again, with the result that our foe, a moment after, whipped out a knife and made some, remarkably ugly passes with it very near our faces.

On the instant Jack spread out both arms (he seemed to think it was but a matter of a "maul" in goal), then, thrusting me back with sundry other bystanders, and looking back his cuffs, cried loudly, "No knives, you coward drop it, or I'll knock you down."

Excessively annoyed at his folly (his mother was an Irishwoman, and Jack had been born with a shillalah in his mouth), I clenched his arms and whispered, "Don't be a confounded fool; the man's accusing us of stealing his bulbs and the thing's serious enough without your making it worse."

"Oh!" said Jack, standing his ground, not a whit abashed, "that's the game it is, but it's not as my friend," he continued more peacefully, "bulbs are no use to us. Try again, try that fellow there, he's as ugly as sin and nearly as mischievous by the look of him."

Now the supposition had crossed my own mind also, due to the stealthy greedy way in which I noted he had examined the bulbs as they were passed round, as also to his unprepossessing appearance.

A second after, this man too had drawn his knife, and now, through Jack's precipitation, we had two enemies to deal with.

In despair at the two things were taking I hastily stepped forward, and taking off my hat, appealed in what Dutch I could command to the general company, by this time drawn thickly around us in a circle.

"Gentlemen," I stammered, "this man accuses me of stealing his tulips, but 'tis a monstrous fabrication. What could two English students want with bulbs? See here!" I cried, and turned my pockets inside out in token of my innocence.

The faces around me brightened not a whit at this appeal; on the contrary the brows of the two sailors grew yet heavier, so in despair I could think of nothing else but to follow up Jack's suggestion, and hurl the accusation on our swartly opponents.

"If you want to know who is the thief," I cried hotly, "let all present be searched," and I pointed to the stout, satyr-faced fellow opposite me as intimating that it would be well to begin with him.

His eyes flashed; he raised his knife, and made as though to spring at me. Jack thrust me hastily back, and I felt certain we were about to be lynched. Suddenly a shrill whistle sounded, and turning round I saw the siren of the doorway standing on a chair close beside our little group, evidently having watched all that was toward.

"Ay, the young Englishman's right it's that ugly black fellow's stole the tulips." And at once, to my amazing astonishment, a hoarse hurst of laughter sounded all about me. Some said one thing, some another, but all seemingly fancied it as an excellent jest, and it was evident to me that they were one and all chaffing the man I had accused. "Old Mother S," said a cheery looking fellow beside me with a wag of his head, "is always for the good looking ones, and so you've no chance, Jacobs, my boy," with a hearty slap on the dark sailor's shoulder.

My heart grew wondrous light. Here was a happy diversion indeed. The tickle lay in how I kept it up. Now "Mother S," I was pleased to note, seemed evidently on our side, and it was the wisest course to further propitiate her.

Wagging her arms and jocularly smiling she now thrust her way into our group, and laid herself alongside Jack.

Secretly slipping some gold into her disengaged hand, I whispered, "Now Mother S, you can speak English!" "Yes, all right; a handsome fellow's language I speaks always," she replied with a grin. "Well," I continued hurriedly, inwardly chafing at her impudence, "What I want you to say for us is that I propose all present should be searched, for we have been accused of stealing, and that is the only way to have the matter cleared up, for I felt certain, that notwithstanding this most lucky diversion, so quickly effected, we could scarce get away till the bulbs were found, more especially as two hulking bullies seemed to be guarding the curtains exit."

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FIRING 10 SHOTS in 2 SECONDS.

SIEMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 3rd October, 1900. [75]

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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STEAMSHIP "MONMOUTHSHIRE."
FROM PORTLAND: ORE, YOKO-
HAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for countersignat-
ure, and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees risk
and expense.

T. M. STEVENS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1901. [357]

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND
SINGAPORE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL	PENINSULAR	Brit. str.	—	T. Leigh	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 2nd Feb. at Noon.
LONDON	PROTECTOR	Brit. str.	—	Day	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 5th Feb.
LONDON	ALCANTARA	Brit. str.	—	Pulford	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 19th Feb.
LONDON	ILION	Brit. str.	—	Robinson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 5th Mar.
LIVERPOOL	GLAUCUS	Brit. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	On 16th Feb.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	HAMBURG	Ger. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 6th Feb. at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, V. SPORE, &c.	KANAGAWA MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. Knoch	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 6th Feb. at Daylight.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL	JAVA	Brit. str.	—	G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	MELCHERS & CO.	On 9th Feb. at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, V. SPORE, &c.	LAOS	Brit. str.	—	Flandin	MELCHERS & CO.	On 11th Feb. at 1 p.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, V. SPORE, &c.	SADO MARU	Jap. str.	—	W. Thompson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 22nd Feb. at Daylight.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, CHAGEN, & BALTIC PORTS	SIEMENS	Ger. str.	—	Bahle	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	PRESTON	Ger. str.	—	Proesch	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 28th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SAKONA	Ger. str.	—	Jager	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 15th Mar.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	BAMBERG	Ger. str.	—	Jacobs	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 25th Mar.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SIBIRIA	Ger. str.	—	Braun	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 5th Feb.
NEW YORK PORTS VIA AND SUEZ CANAL	POLARSTERNEN	Brit. str.	—	Petersen	CARLOWITZ & CO., LIMITED	On or about 9th Mar.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	ALENGA	Ger. str.	—	O. P. Marshall, R.N.R.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 13th Feb.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	—	J. Truebridge	DONWELL & CO., LIMITED	On 1st Feb.
VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	OLYMPIA	Brit. str.	—	—	ANNOLD, KARBURG & CO.	On or about 10th Feb.
PORTLAND, OREGON, &c. VIA JAPAN, &c.	MONMOUTHSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 7th Feb. at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	AMERICA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	PACIFIC MAIL S. S. CO.	On 14th Feb. at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	CITY OF PEKING	Brit. str.	—	—	O. & O. S. S. CO.	On 23rd Feb. at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA AMOY, &c.	PAKAMATTA	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 2nd Feb.
SAN DIEGO, &c. VIA MOJI, &c.	KYAEVEN	Brit. str.	—	McArthur	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 31st inst. at 4 p.m.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	GUTHRIE	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 15th Feb. at 4 p.m.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 22nd Feb. at 4 p.m.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	KARUGA MARU	Jap. str.	—	C. W. Haswell	SEYMOUR & CO.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SIBIRIA	Ger. str.	—	Braun	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 1st Feb. at Daylight.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	BINGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. Davies	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 13th Feb. at Daylight.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. W. Wals	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 1st Feb.
NAGASAKI & YOKOHAMA	WUHU	Brit. str.	—	N. Tait	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 22nd Feb. at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ROSETTA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
MOJI & KOBE	HANGCHOW	Brit. str.	—	S. Yoshizawa	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at Noon.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HIROSHIMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Russovich	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	To-morrow, a.m.
SHANGHAI	MARIA TERESA	Brit. str.	—	A. Symons	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 2nd Feb.
SHANGHAI	PAKAMATTA	Brit. str.	—	K. Suzuki	MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA	To-day.
FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW & AMOY	AKASHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	S. Atami	MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA	On 6th Feb. at Daylight.
SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANPOO	DIAMANTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Ramsay	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	To-day, at 5 p.m.
MANILA	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 15th Feb. at 4 p.m.
BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	YAMAGUCHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	Tadd	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 1st Feb. at Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	SUBANG	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 5th Feb. at Noon.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 28, CERU, Amr. str., 648, A. Pachusagani, Holo (P.L.) 25th Jan. Timber—HOLLADAY, WISE & CO.

Jan. 28, PRONTO, German str., 632, H. Grandt, Saigon 23rd Jan. Rice—SIEMSEN & CO.

Jan. 28, HOHIO, French str., 593, Marless, Pakhoi 21st Jan. 25th Jan. General—A. R. MACY.

Jan. 28, KASHING, British str., 1,158, A. Somerville, Wuhu 23rd Jan. Rice—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Jan. 28, MARIA TERESA, Austrian str., 1,925, T. Raskevich, Bombay 7th Jan. and Singapore 23rd, General—SANDER, WIELER & CO.

Jan. 28, NINGPO, British steamer, 1,249, Saies, Hongkong 29th Jan. Coal—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Jan. 28, SIBIRIA, German str., 3,618, Ferd. Braun, Hamburg 7th Dec. and Singapore 22nd Jan. General—SIEMSEN & CO.

Jan. 28, SINGAPORE, British str., 1,776, E. J. Tadd, Singapore 22nd Jan. General—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Jan. 28, TINTAU, German steamer, 1,089, J. Saunders, Swatow 28th Jan. SIEMSEN & CO.

Jan. 28, MACHOW, German steamer, 995, J. B. Farrell, Bangkok 21st Jan. and Swatow 28th Jan. General—SIEMSEN & CO.

Jan. 28, ALBENGA, German steamer, 2,745, H. Petersen, New York 18th Nov. and Manila 25th Jan. General—CARLOWITZ & CO.

Jan. 28, S. P. PAUL, American ship, 1,824, Treat, New York 18th Sept. Korosene—STANDARD OIL CO.

Jan. 28, POON MOON, German steamer, 1,829, Wallis, Canton 29th Jan. General—SIEMSEN & CO.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.
29th JANUARY.

Esmeralda, British str., for Amoy.
Kashing, British str., for Canton.
Ningpo, British str., for Shanghai.
Albenga, German str., for Shanghai.
Chingchi, British str., for Balikpapan.
Kashiki Maru, Japanese str., for Swatow.
Tishan, Amr. str., for Shanghai.
Hanoi, French str., for Kwongchow-wan.

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 28, HONG BEE, British str., for Amoy.
Jan. 28, SHANTUNG, British str., for Amoy.
Jan. 28, COPTIC, British str., for San Francisco.
Jan. 28, KINGSIDE, British str., for Swatow.
Jan. 28, THALES, British str., for Swatow.
Jan. 28, ENMERALDA, British str., for Manila.
Jan. 28, ADATO, British str., for Portland (Or.).
Jan. 28, KASHING, British str., for Canton.
Jan. 28, TAIPEI, German str., for Saigon.
Jan. 28, PICCOLA, German str., for Saigon.
Jan. 28, AMIGO, German str., for Saigon.
Jan. 28, HATING, French str., for Hukow.
Jan. 28, HANOI, Fr. str., for Kwongchow-wan.
Jan. 28, TAIHUN, Amr. str., for Shanghai.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

ABERDEEN DOCKS.—Hansa, Kvarren.
KOWLOON DOCKS.—S.M.S. Hansa, S.M.S. Luchs, H.M.S. Dryad, Garonne, U.S.S. Isla de Luzon, Empress of India, Lohar.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—U.S.S. Albany, Legat, Delphne, Chowfu.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German steamer *Abeng*, from New York 16th November, had strong N.E. monsoon and moderate sea.
The British steamer *Suway*, from Singapore 22nd January, had moderate monsoon and fine, clear weather.
The British steamer *Kashing*, from Wuhu 23rd January, had strong monsoon and overcast weather, with rain at times.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

Neither the CAPTAINS, the AGENTS, nor the OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBT contracted by the Officers or the Crews of the following Vessels during their stay in Hongkong Harbour—
ADOLPH ORRHO, American ship, Amabury—Standard Oil Co.
ADAO, British str., McIntyre—ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship
"MARIA TERESA"
Captain Raskevich, will leave for the above place TO-MORROW, the 31st inst., a.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1901.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's New Steamship
"DIAMANTE"
Captain A. Ramsay, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 30th January, at 5 p.m.
The attention of Passengers is directed to the excellent accommodation provided by this Steamer. She is fitted throughout with Electric Light.
A doctor is carried.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1901.

THE OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.
THE Company's Steamship

"AKASHI MARU."

Captain K. Suzuki, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 30th inst.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
THE MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.
Hongkong, 17th January, 1901.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMSHIP

"PENINSULAR."

Captain T. Leigh, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this office for Bombay on SATURDAY, the 2nd February, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.
Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay WITHOUT transhipment.
Passes will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.
Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.
For further particulars, apply to
A. M. MARSHALL, Acting Superintendent.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1901.

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN PORTS AND HONOLULU.

THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, &c.

S.S. "KVARREN" On 2nd Feb.

S.S. "DELGIAN KING" On 6th Feb.

THE Steamship "KVARREN" will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and SAN FRANCISCO VIA MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 2nd February.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Censular Invoices, to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, China and Japan.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1901.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
LONDON, &c.	PENINSULAR	Noon, 2nd Feb.	See Special Advertisement.
	T. Leigh	Feb.	
SHANGHAI	PARAMATTA	About 2nd Feb.	Freight or Passage.
	A. Symons	Feb.	
MARSEILLES AND JAPAN	JAVA	Noon, 9th Feb.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	Feb.	

PASSENGER SEASON, 1901.

S.S. PLASSY 7,240 tons March 30th MARSEILLES AND LONDON DIRECT
S.S. SOBBAON 7,382 tons April 27th Without Transhipment.

For Further Particulars, apply to
A. M. MARSHALL, Acting Superintendent

Hongkong, 26th January, 1901.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Proposed Sailing
.....	2,837	J. Truebridge	February 1
.....	2,811	A. Dixon	March 1
.....	3,502	J. Panten	March 8
.....	3,821	J. S. Cox	March 15

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and to EUROPE.

Excellent accommodation. First class Table. Doctor and STEWARDESSE carried.

Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the First-Class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK, £48.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent; two trans-continental trains daily from Tacoma; Dining Car is attached to trans-continental trains day and night; TACOMA to New York in 44 days. Magnificent Scenery of the Rocky and Cascade Mountains. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route.

HONGKONG TO VICTORIA AND TACOMA, £35.

The best route to the KLYNDKE GOLD FIELDS. Frequent sailings from VICTORIA and TACOMA to DYER and St. MICHAEL.

Rates of Passage to other points on application.

A special rate allowed to members of Government Service.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1901.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST.

Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, Oporto, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TESETE, GENOA, PORTS in the LEVANTE, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS, NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
SILEZIA	HAYRE & HAMBURG	On 9th Feb. Freight and Passage.
FRIBURG	(London with transhipment in Hamburg)	About 28th Feb. Freight.
SAKONA	(London with transhipment in Hamburg)	About 5th March. Freight.
BAMBERG	(London with transhipment in Hamburg)	About 15th March. Freight.
SIBIRIA	(London with transhipment in Hamburg)	About 25th March. Freight and Passage.
Capt. Braun	(London with transhipment in Hamburg)	March. Freight and Passage.

* These steamers have superior accommodation for passengers and carry a doctor and a stewardess.

For further particulars as to Freight, Passage, etc., apply to
CARLOWITZ & CO., AGENTS.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1901.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S

ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN, AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

Twin Screw Steamships—5,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)

EMPEROR OF INDIA.....Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 13th Feb. 1901

EMPEROR OF JAPAN.....Comdr. H. Fyke, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 13th Mar. 1901

EMPEROR OF CHINA.....Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 3rd April 1901

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9, and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1901.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
HIROSHIMA MARU	MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	WEDNESDAY, 30th Jan. at Noon.
S. Yoshizawa	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 1st Feb. at Daylight.
BINGO MARU	BOHAY, VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	FRIDAY, 1st Feb. at Noon.
F. Davies	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 8th Feb. at Daylight.
YAMAGUCHI MARU	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 15th Feb. at Daylight.
J. W. Wals	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 22nd Feb. at Daylight.
SADO MARU	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 22nd Feb. at Noon.
W. Thompson	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNVILLE and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 22nd Feb. at 4 p.m.
ROSETTA MARU	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 22nd Feb. at Noon.
N. Tait	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNVILLE and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 22nd Feb. at 4 p.m.
KASUGA MARU	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 22nd Feb. at Noon.
C. W. Haswell	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNVILLE and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 22nd Feb. at 4 p.m.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada, and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at Prince's Building, First Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1901.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG.

PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL
LONDON	"PROMETHEUS"	Day	On 5th Feb.
LONDON	"ALCINOUS"	Palford	On 19th Feb.
LONDON	"IXION"	Robinson	On 5th Mar.

LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"		On 16th Feb.
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For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

AGENTS O. S. S. Co.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1901.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MOJI and KOBE	HANGCHOW	On 31st Jan.
NAGASAKI and YOKOHAMA	WUHU	On 1st Feb.
MANILA	CHANGSHA	On 15th Feb. at 4 P.M.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	CHANGSHA	On 15th Feb. at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1901.

FOR NEW YORK VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

With Liberty to Call at MANILA.

THE Steamship

"POLARSTJERNEN" will be despatched for the above ports on or about the 5th February, and will be followed by the Steamship

"FOLMINA" about the middle of February.

For Freight, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LD., Agents.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1901.

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.	
CITY OF PEKING (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	THURS. Feb. 14, 1901, at NOON.
CITY OF SHANGHAI (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	TUESDAY, Mar. 12, 1901, at NOON.
CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	SATURDAY, Apr. 6, 1901, at NOON.

THE Company's Steamship "CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU on THURSDAY, the 14th February, 1901, at NOON.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND RAIL routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of 24 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND RAIL routes in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

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Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Seal-End Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1901.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

THE OSAKA SHOSHIN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"ANPING MARU."

Captain S. Atsumi, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 31st February, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1901.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)

THURSDAY, Feb. 7, 1901, at NOON.

HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)

SATURDAY, Mar. 2, 1901, at NOON.

NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)

THURSDAY, Mar. 28, 1901, at NOON.

THE Twin-Screw Steamship

"AMERICA MARU"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU on THURSDAY, the 7th February, 1901, at NOON, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of 24 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1901.

OREGON AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG TO PORTLAND (OR.) AND SAN FRANCISCO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

TAKING CARGO TO JAPAN PORTS, THE UNITED STATES, AND CANADA.

THE Steamship

"MONMOUTHSHIRE"

will be despatched on or about 10th February, for PORTLAND (OR.) via MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States and Canada.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be accepted at the Office of the Undersigned until the same time. All Parcels should be marked to address in full.

Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to points beyond Portland (Or.), should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, Portland (Or.).

For further information as to Freight rates, &c., apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBEG & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1901.

UNITED STATES AND CHINA-JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

(ROB. M. SLOMAN & CO., HAMBURG.)

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE full-powered Steamship

"ALBENGA."

Captain Petersen, will be despatched for the above port on or about 9th March.

For Freight, apply to

CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1901.

DAVID COESAR & SON'S

MERCHANT NAVY

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LONG FLAX

RELIANCE CROWN

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ARNHOLD, KARBEG & CO., Sole Agents.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1901.

HONGKONG STEAMERS.

Alaska Maru, Jap. str., 274, Suzuki, Jan. 29.

B. M. Kaisha

Albenga, German str., 2,745, Petersen, Jan. 29.

Albion, Jap. str., 3,460, Goings, Jan. 29.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Parcel Mails for Europe, &c., per s.s. *Peninsular*, will close at 3 p.m. on Friday, the 1st Feb. The *Paragon*, with the English Mail of the 4th January, left Singapore on Monday, the 28th inst., at 3 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 2nd February. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 5th December.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR	PER	DAY AND HOUR
Shanghai, Nagasaki and Seattle.	<i>Moyses</i>	Wednesday, 30th, 11.00 A.M.
Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.	<i>Hikou Maru</i>	Wednesday, 30th, 11.00 A.M.
Saigon.	<i>Hiroshima Maru</i>	Wednesday, 30th, 1.00 P.M.
Shanghai.	<i>Decima</i>	Wednesday, 30th, 2.00 P.M.
Bangkok.	<i>Albana</i>	Wednesday, 30th, 4.00 P.M.
Manila.	<i>Arica</i>	Wednesday, 30th, 4.00 P.M.
Cebu and Port Arthur.	<i>Dante</i>	Thursday, 31st, 3.00 P.M.
Yokohama and Kobe.	<i>Sibiria</i>	Thursday, 31st, 3.00 P.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma.	<i>Olympia</i>	Friday, 1 Feb., 11.00 A.M.
Nagasaki and Yokohama.	<i>Wahu</i>	Friday, 1 Feb., 3.00 P.M.

EUROPE, &c., India via Tattoria.
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)
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Manila, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

TO-DAY.

Harmon's Circus, Recreation Ground, near Race Course, 9 p.m.
Performance by the Pollard Opera Co., City Hall, 9 p.m.
Meeting of the Victoria Precinct, 9 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

TUESDAY, 29th January.	
ON LONDON.—	Telegraphic Transfer 2.0
	Bank Bills, on demand 2.0
	Bank Bills, at 30 days sight 2.0
	Bank Bills, at 60 days sight 2.0
	Credits, at 4 months sight 2.0
	Documentary Bills, 4 months sight 2.0
ON PARIS.—	Bank Bills, on demand 2.52
	Credits, at 4 months sight 2.58
ON GERMANY.—	On demand 2.05
ON NEW YORK.—	Bank Bills, on demand 48
	Credits, 60 days sight 50
ON BOMBAY.—	Telegraphic Transfer 149
	Bank, on demand 150
ON CALCUTTA.—	Telegraphic Transfer 149
	Bank, on demand 150
ON SHANGHAI.—	Bank, at sight 72
	Private, 30 days sight 73
ON YOKOHAMA.—	On demand 11 p.c. pm.
ON MANILA.—	On demand 11 p.c. pm.
ON SINGAPORE.—	On demand 1 p.c. pm.
ON BATAVIA.—	On demand 120
ON HONGKONG.—	On demand 2 p.c. pm.
ON SAIGON.—	On demand 11 p.c. pm.
ON BANGKOK.—	On demand 60
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate 9.92	
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael 51	
SILVER, per tael 284	

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Malwa New	to	per picul.
Malwa Old	to	per picul.
P. P. per-wrapped	to	per picul.
Persian fine quality	to	per picul.
Persian extra fine	to	per picul.
Patna New	to	per chest.
Patna Old	to	per chest.
Benares New	to	per chest.
Benares Old	to	per chest.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The P. & O. steamer *Paragon* left Singapore for this port on the 28th inst., at 3 p.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on the 2nd prox., at about 3 p.m.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The Imperial German Mail steamer *Kiauchow*, carrying the German mails, left from Berlin of the 7th inst., left Colombo on Friday, the 26th inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 5th Feb.

The Imperial German Mail steamer *Hamburg* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on Sunday, the 27th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 5th Feb.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P. M. steamer *City of Peking*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 8th inst.

The O. & O. steamer *Gladie*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 18th inst.

THE N. Y. K. steamer *Yamaguchi Maru* (Boulay Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 25th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 30th inst.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Bingo Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 26th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 31st inst.

The N. P. steamer *Richmond Castle*, from New York, left Singapore on the 19th inst. for Manila and Hongkong.

The P. & O. steamer *Tientsin* left Singapore for this port on the 25th inst., at 11 a.m.

The O. S. S. steamer *Denatien* left Singapore on Saturday morning, 26th inst., and is due in Hongkong on 31st inst.

The C. M. steamer *Tenaki*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 1st inst.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

HONGKONG, 29th January.

STOCKS.	No. OF SHARES.	ISSUE PRICE.	PAID UP.	LAST DIVIDEND.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.					
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	\$125	\$125	30/- div. at 1/11/11 = \$15.93 per share for 1st half year 1900	350 p. d. pr. = \$502.50 London 202.
Bank of China & Japan, Ltd.	199,875	25	25	Nemo	45 5/8
Do. Deferred	1,250	25	25	Nemo	27, buyers
National Bank of China, Ltd.	19,970 A	410	410	2 1/2% for 1899	27, buyers
Do. Founders' Shares	20,955 B	410	410	2 1/2% for 1899	27, buyers
750 fms.	41	41	41	Nemo	20.
MARINE INSURANCES.					
Union Ins. Society, Ltd.	10,000	\$350	\$350	40 p. ct. = \$20 for 1899	\$245, buyers
China Traders Ins. Co., Ltd.	24,000	\$350	\$350	10 p. ct. = \$10 for 1899	\$55, sales
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	5,000	\$100	\$100	10 p. ct. = \$10 for 1899	71 1/2
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Ltd.	8,000	\$100	\$100	10 p. ct. = \$10 for 1899	\$125, sales
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$250	10 p. ct. = \$10 for 1899	\$150, sales
Shanghai Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$100	\$100	5 p. ct. for 1899	\$1.
FIRE INSURANCES.					
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$250	\$250	\$27 for 1899	\$315, sellers
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	\$100	\$20 for 1899	\$32.
SHIPPING.					
Hongkong, Canton and Macao S. S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$1.20 for half year ended 30/6/1900	\$35.
Indo-China S. S. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$1.20 for half year ended 30/6/1900	\$110, sales
China & Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	14,000	\$50	\$50	20 p. cent. for 1899	\$72, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	\$50	12 p. cent. for year ending 30/6/98	\$46, sales
China Mutual S. S. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$10	\$10	Int. of 3 p. cent. on a/c of 1900	\$12, buyers
Do. Ordinary	20,000	\$10	\$10	Int. of 5 p. cent. on a/c of 1900	\$27, buyers
Do. do.	20,000	\$10	\$10	\$1.05 = 12 p. ct. for year ended 30/6/00	\$201, buyers
Star Ferry Co., Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	Int. of 5 p. cent. on account of 1900	\$3, sales
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	21	21	Int. of 5 p. cent. on a/c 1900	\$115.
REFINERIES.					
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	\$100	\$3 for 1897	\$41, sellers
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	7,000	\$100	\$100	\$3 for 1897	\$41, sellers
MINING.					
Panjin Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$8	\$8	Nemo	\$31, sales
Do. Preference	80,000	\$1	\$1	Nemo	\$1.20.
Societe Fran. des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Fr. 250	Fr. 250	Nemo	\$325, sellers
Queen Mines, Limited	400,000	25 cts.	25 cts.	5 p. ct. half year end. 31/7/01 (coupon 0)	7 cents, sellers
Japanese Mining and Trading Company, Ltd.	45,000	55	55	1/2% div. 10th 1/11/00	\$6, sales
Ramb Australian Gold Mining Co., Limited	200,000	21	16/10	1/2% div. 10th 1/11/00	\$17, sellers
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Limited	A 15,000	35	35	Nemo	\$2, sales
Great Eastern and Cal. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	B 45,000	35	35	Nemo	\$1.10, sales
Do. Preference	70,000	\$1	\$1	First year	5 cents.
DOCKS, WHARVES, &c.					
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited	12,500	\$125	\$125	10 p. ct. for 1900	\$615 p. c. pr. = \$593.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & God. Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$50	\$50	Int. of 5 p. cent. on account of 1900	\$80, sellers
Wharf and God. Co., Ltd.	2,800	\$100	\$100	Int. of 5 p. cent. on account of 1900	\$92, ex div., buyers
New Anson Dock Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$61	\$61	22 p. cent. for 1899	\$211, buyers
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.					
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	Int. \$1 on account 1900	\$200, sales
Anyo Hotel Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$30	\$30	Int. \$1 for 1899	\$28, buyers
Kowloon Land & H. Co., Ltd.	12,500	\$50	\$50	Int. \$1.50 on acct. 1900	\$49, ex div.
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	10 p. ct. for half year ended 30/6/1900	\$125, sales
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	5 p. ct. for 1899	\$90, sellers
Oriental Hotel Co., Limited	7,000	\$50	\$50	5 p. ct. for 1899	\$14, sellers
Hamphrey's Est. & Fin. Co.	100,000	\$10	\$10	5 p. cent. for 1899	\$14, sellers
COTTON MILLS.					
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	17,600	Fr. 100	Fr. 100	31 p. ct. for period ending 31/10/97	Fr. 50
Internat. Cot. Mfg. Co., Ltd.	10,000	Fr. 100	Fr. 100	31 p. ct. for period ending 31/10/97	Fr. 55
Int. Cot. Mfg. Co., Ltd.	8,000	Fr. 100	Fr. 100	31 p. ct. for period ending 31/10/97	Fr. 55
Spin. & Weav. Co., Ltd.	2,000	Fr. 100	Fr. 100	31 p. ct. for period ending 31/10/97	Fr. 55
Soy. Chen Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	7,500	Fr. 100	Fr. 100	31 p. ct. for period ending 31/10/97	Fr. 55
Yahong Cotton Spin. Co., Ltd.	12,600	\$100	\$100	Nemo	\$15, sellers
West. & Lye. Co., Ltd.	12,600	\$100	\$100	Nemo	\$15, sellers
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Green Island Cement Co.	50,000	\$10	\$10	10 p. ct. for 1900	\$20.
China Borneo Co., Ltd.	7,500	\$25	\$25	10 p. ct. for 1900	\$33.
A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	10 p. ct. for 1900	\$16, sales
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$10	\$10	70 cents per share = \$7	\$124, sales
Hongkong & China Gas Co., Ltd.	7,000	\$10	\$10	9 p. ct. for 1899	\$119, buyers
Hongkong & China Gas Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$50	\$50	10 p. ct. for 1899	\$170, sellers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$25	\$25	10 p. ct. for 1899	\$50, sellers
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	5,000	\$25	\$25	Int. \$2 p. a. on acct. 1900	\$193, sellers
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	1,250	\$100	\$100	\$12 for year ended 31/10/99	\$193, buyers
H.K. Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd.	7,500	\$10	\$10	5 p. ct. for 1899	\$5.
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$75	\$75	\$1 per share = \$1	\$5.
Carmichael & Co., Ltd.	2,000	\$25	\$25	10 p. ct. for 1899	\$35, sales
H.K. & China Bakery Co., Ltd.	800	\$50	\$50	10 p. ct. for 1899	\$20.
Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$1	\$1	10 p. ct. for 1899	\$21, buyers
Bell's Asbestos & Agcy., Ltd.	9,000 only	\$10	\$10	10 p. ct. for 1899	\$71, buyers
United Asbestos Co., Ltd.	1,000	\$10	\$10	10 p. ct. for 1899	\$20.
Agency, Limited	100 fms.	\$10	\$10	10 p. ct. for 1899	\$3, sellers
Tobacco Planting Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$5	\$5	Nemo	\$91, ex div.
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$20	\$20	10 p. ct. for 1899	\$124.
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	10 p. ct. for 1899	\$124.
Universal Trading Co.	50,000	\$20	\$20	10 p. ct. for 1899	\$124.
COAL COMPANIES.					
Albion, Limited	200	\$500	\$500	25 p. ct. for year 1900	\$1,500, buyers
La Commercial, Limited	20	\$500	\$500	Int. of 10 p. ct. for 1899	\$1,000
Hensonia, Limited	750	\$100	\$100	100 p. ct. for 1899	\$105, sellers
La Favorita, Limited	130	\$500	\$500	100 p. ct. for 1899	\$703, sellers

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STATION.	Hour.	Barometer at level and 32° Fahr.	Therm. Fahrenheit.	Humidity.	Wind.	Force.
Vladivostok	2 p.	—	—	—	—	—
Tokyo	"	30.22	—	—	N	4
Kochi	"	30.19	—	—	SE	2
Nagasaki	"	30.31	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	"	30.27	—	—	N	4
Tairoku	1 p.	30.25	—	—	NW	3
Taiichu	"	30.18	—	—	N	5
Tannan	"	30.20	—	—	SE	1
Koshun	"	30.21	—	—	NW	4
Pescadores	"	—	—	—	—	—
Gutzlaff	3 p.	30.35	43	92	NE	3
Sharp Peak	"	30.22	57	100	N	1
Amoy	"	30.16	68	79	SE	3
Swatow	"	30.17	68	79	N	2
Canton	"	30.14	73	76	SW	1
Hongkong	4 p.	30.13	66	75	SE	1
Victoria Peak	"	—	—	—	ENE	4
Gap Rock	"	30.11	—	—	ENE	5
Macao	"	30.13	71	—	S	1
Haiphong	1 p.	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	4 p.	30.00	82	70	—	0
Malate	3 p.	—	—	—	SW	1
Bacolod	"	—	—	—	NW	1
Holo	"	29.92	84	—	NW	3
Cebu	"	29.95	81	—	NW	1
C. S. James	"	—	—	—	NNE	2
—26th JANUARY, A.M.						
Vladivostok	7 a.	—	—	—	—	—
Tokyo	10 a.	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	"	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	"	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	"	—	—	—	—	—
Tairoku	5 a.	30.12	—	—	SE	2
Taiichu	"	30.11	—	—	N	2
Tannan	"	30.14	—	—	N	0
Koshun	"	30.12	—	—	NE	2
Pescadores	"	—	—	—	—	—
Gutzlaff	"	—	—	—	—	—
Sharp Peak	9 a.	30.05	61	100	N	1
Amoy	"	30.09	61	88	SW	3
Swatow	"	30.12	66	—	W	2
Canton	"	—	—	—	—	—
Hongkong	10 a.	30.10	66	81	SE	1
Victoria Peak	"	30.10	—	—	SE	1
Gap Rock	"	30.10	—	—	SE	1
Macao	"	30.08	74	—	SE	1
Haiphong	7 a.	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	10 a.	30.00	—	63	NE	1
Malate	9 a.	—	—	—	NE	1
Bacolod	"	—	—	—	NNE	3
Holo	"	29.95	78	—	N	4
Cebu	"	29.93	82	—	N	2
C. S. James	7 a.	—	—	—	NE	6